

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 3. This sheet which includes Figs. 1-3, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 1-3. In Fig. 3, a Prior Art legend has been added.

Please approve the drawing changes that are marked in red on the accompanying "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes" of Fig. 3. A formal "Replacement Sheet" of amended Fig. 3 is also enclosed.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-21 and 23-26 remain in the application. Claims 1-21 and 23-26 are subject to examination. Claims 1, 2, 8-11, 16, 20, 21, 23 and 26 have been amended. Claim 22 has been canceled.

Under the heading "Drawings" on page 2 of the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner objected to Fig. 3 for not having a Prior Art legend. Please find enclosed a replacement drawing with the proper Prior Art legend.

Under the heading "Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112" on page 2 of the above-identified Office Action, claim 1 has been rejected as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

More specifically, the Examiner states that the dual recitation of "a plurality of components" in claim 1 is confusing. Claim 1 has been amended to recite "a plurality of additional components" for the second recitation of this feature.

It is accordingly believed that claim 1 meets the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The above-noted changes

to the claims are provided solely for clarification or cosmetic reasons. The changes are neither provided for overcoming the prior art nor do they narrow the scope of the claim for any reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent.

Under the heading "Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102" on pages 3-5 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 1-8 and 19-21 have been rejected as being fully anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,922,794 to Tagawa et al. (hereinafter Tagawa) under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claim 1 has been amended with significant features of allowable claim 9 which has been indicated as being allowable on page 6 of the Office Action.

Claim 20 has been amended with all of the features of allowable claim 22 which has been indicated as being allowable on page 6 of the Office Action. Claim 22 has been canceled.

The remaining claims have been amended to be compatible with the newly amended independent claims.

The specification was amended on pages 14 and 15 to clear up possible confusion in the text.

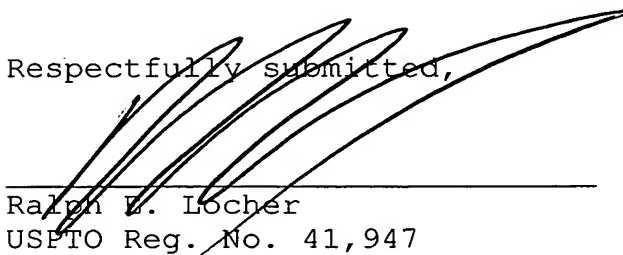
It is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claims 1 or 20. Claims 1 and 20 are, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art. The dependent claims are believed to be patentable as well because they all are ultimately dependent on claim 1 or 20.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-21 and 23-26 are solicited.

If an extension of time is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Any extension fee associated therewith should be charged to the Deposit Account of Lerner Greenberg Stemer, LLP, No. 12-1099.

Please charge any other fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner Greenberg Stemer, LLP, No. 12-1099.

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